NCF recommendation for funding agricultural research

†1186. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the third annual report submitted by the National Commission on Farmers which has made recommendations for bringing reforms in agricultural research;

(b) if so, whether the Commission has recommended to enhance the annual fund to be provided for agricultural research management;

(c) if so, the amount of fund at present and the extent to which the Commission has recommended to enhance it; and

(d) the decision taken by Government to implement the recommendation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (d) The National Commission on Farmers in its Third Interim Report has recommended a provision of Rs. 1,000 crore as one time grant to National Agricultural Research System (NARS) to bridge the critical gap in scientific infrastructure in frontier areas of technologies forenhancing agricultural competitiveness and deriving benefit from science led Second Green Revolution. It will paricularly strengthen work on conservation and improvement of livestock heritage, genomics, bio-informatics, bio-remediation and harnessing gene richness of micro-organisms, biomass utilization, value addition and use efficiency of plant nutrients and water. The Commission has also recommended setting up a National Board for Strategic Research in Agriculture to coordinate and harness advances in basic science for agricultural progress.

Inter-Departmental consultations have been initiated for appropriate action on the recommendation.

Implementation of NCF recommendations

1187. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Commission on Farmers has

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submitted two interim reports covering wide range of issues such as life-saving support programme for farming community, to enhance productivity, coastal zone agriculture, cultivation and marketing of medicinal plants, organic farming, etc.;

(b) if so, whether Government have studied those recommendations; and

(c) if so, the recommendations accepted by Government and measures taken or proposed to be taken to implement those recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Inter-Departmental consultations have been initiated for appropriate action on the recommendations made by the Commission in its two interim reports.

Production agreement of MDFVL

†1188. DR. PRABHA THAKUR:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mother Dairy Fruits and Vegetables Private Limited a co-company of National Dairy Development Board has entered in an agreement relating to production with other private companies like Modern Food Limited, Karnal, Amrit Food Private Limited, Ghaziabad and Dynamics Dairy, Baramati; and

(b) if so, whether any p;rior permission was taken from Government for it, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

Land Holding

1189. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the size of agricultural land holding is decreasing day by day and is becoming unviable to earn livelihood;

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